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To require professional boxers to wear headgear during all professional fights
in the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TRAFICANT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities

A BILL

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professional fights in the United States.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Professional Boxing
5 Safety Act of 1995”.

6 **SEC. 2. HEADGEAR REQUIREMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL**
7 **BOXERS.**

8 Any individual who participates as a boxer in a pro-
9 fessional boxing match shall, during such participation,

1 wear headgear that meets the standards established by the
2 International Olympic Committee.

3 **SEC. 3. CIVIL PENALTY.**

4 The Attorney General of the United States may im-
5 pose a civil monetary penalty against any State boxing au-
6 thority if the Attorney General determines on the record
7 after opportunity for an agency hearing that the State
8 boxing authority has allowed a boxer to participate in a
9 professional boxing match without the headgear required
10 by section 2. The civil monetary penalty may not exceed
11 \$1,000,000 for each violation.

12 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

13 For purposes of this Act:

14 (1) PROFESSIONAL BOXING MATCH.—The term
15 “professional boxing match” means a boxing contest
16 held in a State between individuals for compensation
17 or a prize, and does not include any amateur boxing
18 match.

19 (2) STATE.—

20 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “State”
21 means any State of the United States, the Dis-
22 trict of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto
23 Rico, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mari-
24 ana Islands, American Samoa, Guam, Virgin Is-

1 lands, any other territory or possession of the
2 United States, and any Indian tribe.

3 (B) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term “Indian
4 tribe” means any Indian tribe, band, nation,
5 pueblo, or other organized group or community
6 which is recognized as eligible for the special
7 programs and services provided by the United
8 States to Indians because of their status as In-
9 dians and is recognized as possessing powers of
10 self-government.

11 (3) STATE BOXING AUTHORITY.—The term
12 “State boxing authority” means a State agency with
13 authority to regulate professional boxing.

14 **SEC. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

15 Sections 2 and 3 shall take effect 90 days after the
16 date of the enactment of this Act.

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